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### NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY

#### PART I.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to application filed 3/24/97
2. ☒ All the claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice Of Allowance And Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be sent in due course.
3. ☒ The allowed claims are 1-20
4. ☒ The drawings filed on 3/24/97 are acceptable.
5. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119. The certified copies have ~~copy has~~ been received. [...] not been received. ~~It~~ has been filed in parent application Serial No. 08294,338 filed on \_\_\_\_\_
6. ☐ Note the attached Examiner's Amendment.
7. ☐ Note the attached Examiner Interview Summary Record, PTOL-413.
8. ☒ Note the attached Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.
9. ☒ Note the attached NOTICE OF REFERENCES CITED, PTO-892.
10. ☒ Note the attached INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION, PTO-1449.

#### PART II.

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE to comply with the requirements noted below is set to EXPIRE THREE MONTHS FROM THE "DATE MAILED" indicated on this form. Failure to timely comply will result in the ABANDONMENT of this application. Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

1. ☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.
2. ☐ APPLICANT MUST MAKE THE DRAWING CHANGES INDICATED BELOW IN THE MANNER SET FORTH ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS PAPER.
  - a. ☐ Drawing informalities are indicated on the NOTICE RE PATENT DRAWINGS, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_. CORRECTION IS REQUIRED.
  - b. ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ has been approved by the examiner. CORRECTION IS REQUIRED.
  - c. ☐ Approved drawing corrections are described by the examiner in the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT. CORRECTION IS REQUIRED.
  - d. ☐ Formal drawings are now REQUIRED.

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#### Attachments:

- Examiner's Amendment
- Examiner Interview Summary Record, PTOL-413
- ☒ Reasons for Allowance
- ☒ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892
- ☒ Information Disclosure Citation, PTO-1449
- Notice of Informal Application, PTO-152
- ☒ Notice re Patent Drawings, PTO-948
- Listing of Bonded Draftsmen
- Other

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1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Although the Schiefer patent (U.S. 2,916,079) for instance discloses a tape application device with pivotally mounted first and second opposed engaging portions 71 and 72 in addition to a pressing portion, the prior art does not teach or suggest, in combination with applicant's other claim elements, applicant's tape application device having applicant's particular holding block/sliding block combination for the first of two engaging portions.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James J. Engel whose telephone number is (703) 308-1894.

James J. Engel  
Primary Examiner  
Art Unit 1734

May 14, 1998

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James J. Engel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large loop at the end of the last name.



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TITLE OF TAPE APPLICATION DEVICE  
INVENTION

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